

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the Application as amended is respectfully requested.

**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 3 and 5 are withdrawn.

Claims 9-17 are cancelled.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-8 are pending in the Application.

**II. Telephone Interview**

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Winner for all of the courtesies extended in the telephone interview held on October 7, 2004. Examiner agreed to consider Applicants' request for: (1) a new species of Figure 1, claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, and 8; and, further, (2) a finding that claim 1 is generic.

**III. Restriction Requirement**

The Examiner has required restriction among the following species:

Species 1: Figure 5, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8;

Species 2: Figure 6, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8;

Species 3: Figure 7, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8;

Species 4: Figure 8, claims 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17; and

Species 5: Figure 1, claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8.

In response, Applicants introduce a new Species 5 and elect with traverse the new Species 5 as shown in Figure 1. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, and 8 are readable on the elected Species. Applicants also traverse the Examiner's finding that no claims are generic. Applicants submit that claim 1 is

generic and election is traversed in that if a generic claim is allowed, Applicants request rejoinder of claims 3 and 5.

## CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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